



Brigadier General Mark McDonald

Effects Coordinator, Multinational Corps - Iraq

BG Mark McDonald was commissioned in the Field Artillery in 1980 through the ROTC at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. After completing the Field Artillery Basic Course, his first duty assignment was with Battery D, 1st Battalion, Airborne 509th Infantry, Vicenza, Italy. He was then assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as an Infantry Battalion Fire Support Officer and commanded two batteries in the 82d Airborne Division. In 1987, BG McDonald served two years as an Exchange Officer to the Canadian Artillery School then two years with the United States Army Field Artillery School. After graduating from the Command and General Staff College, BG McDonald served as an Infantry Brigade Fire Support Officer in the 7th Infantry Division and Battalion Operations Officer for 2-8 Field Artillery.

His commands include 3d Battalion 321st FA and the 82d Airborne Division Artillery, involving operations in Iraqi Freedom. Staff positions include duty in the George C. Marshall Center, in Germany, two tours on the Department of the Army Staff, Pentagon, which also included a 6-month tour with SFOR in Bosnia and Chief of Staff at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He also served as the Assistant Commandant Field Artillery School and Deputy Commanding General of Fort Sill. His current assignment is as the MNC-I Effects Coordinator, based out of III Corps, Fort Hood.

BG McDonald's education includes a Bachelor of Science, Master of Military Arts and Science and is a Graduate of the United States Army War College. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, U.S. Master Parachutist badge as well as parachutists badges from Italy, Canada, and Germany.